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Royal Air Force feels that the incident of shooting down Cathay Pacific acft could be connected with the arrival in the Pearl River Estuary of Soviet Tanker Batumi at 1622 local on 24 July; in view of extreme activity connected with the entrance of Tanker last week (See cable C 28) same sensitivity to detection of the Tanker could have a bearing on the Cathay Pacific acft incident.

NOTE : C 28 in CAF IN 96371 (22 Jul 54)

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